

DEER HUNTER HAS SHATTERED LEG

HERMAN SCHMIDT SHOT BY COMPANION

ACCIDENT ON LAST SUNDAY

Shot Fired From .30 Calibre Rifle at Deer Glances and Strikes Schmidt

Herman Schmidt, son of Claus Schmidt, was shot in the right leg while hunting deer with a party of friends Sunday, the bullet from a .30 calibre high power rifle shattering the femoral bone and making a most severe wound that will render the limb useless for a long time, though the surgeons believe that it can be saved and made a serviceable member again.

Schmidt, in company with Emil Gebers, his cousin; Lloyd Launer, Harvey Faubion and Lester Sparlin, went out to Waters creek, near Wonder, Saturday evening, to hunt deer on Sunday. Schmidt and Gebers were hunting along the creek near its head, where the canyon is abrupt and steep, one on each side of the creek. Gebers says that he saw a deer and shot once at it, the aim being too high to hit the deer, but that the bullet evidently struck a rock or a tree and was deflected from its course, striking Schmidt, who was seated on a rock about 200 yards distant, in the leg. The bullet struck about three inches above the knee, ranging upward and outward, and lodged under the skin, inflicting a most shocking wound, fracturing and splintering the bone from the knee to the thigh.

Gebers, hearing his comrade cry out, went at once to his aid, and summoned the rest of the party, the accident occurring at about eleven o'clock in the morning. A messenger was dispatched for medical aid, and Dr. Loughridge left for the scene, driving his automobile to within four or five miles of the injured man, though it was past three o'clock before he reached the sufferer's side. A stretcher was made, and Schmidt was packed out over the worst kind of mountain trail to the automobile, and brought to the South Pacific hospital in this city. Dr. Loughridge says that time will be required for the knitting together of the splintered ends of the femur before the repair of the leg will be possible, though he is confident that the usefulness of the limb will not be lost.

Gebers, the young man who fired the unfortunate shot, is considered an especially careful hunter, and was grief stricken at the accident.

U. S. MAY SOON WAR FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

Washington, Oct. 30.—The chief executive, it was expected, had decided positively that Huerta must go and that the present intolerable conditions in Mexico must end at once. Outside pressure in favor of American intervention to restore order has been of the strongest. Foreign diplomats in Mexico City have assured their governments that they see no chance of peace unless the United States uses force.

John Lind, his emissary in Mexico, was planning a final effort to deal with Huerta, it was stated. It was taken for granted that he will renew his suggestion of an armistice between the warring Mexican factions and a general election, safeguarded by the civil authorities.

In the meantime, if Lind meets with a rebuke, he probably immediately will decide whether to use America's armed forces to restore order, or to recognize the rebel leader, General Carranza, as head of a de facto government and permit him to import arms.

The chief objection raised to the latter plan was that it probably would be unsatisfactory to the powers, since it would involve continued fighting.

COUNCIL CANVASSES VOTE OF THE BOND ELECTION

A special meeting of the city council was held Friday night for the purpose of canvassing the vote of the bond election, the official canvass showing no change in the result as previously announced in The Courier. The special meeting showed, however, that the members of the council are in a happier mood since the citizens had placed the stamp of their approval upon the railroad matters, and Mayor Smith became almost the court comedian so great was the exuberance of his joy. The councilmen also bubbled with good spirits—not the bottled kind—and there was no resting place for gloom in the council chamber. The bugaboo of "personal responsibility" for the money being expended had vanished, and a job on the city council was not so bad after all.

The council authorized the publication of the result of the canvass, which is included in the proclamation published elsewhere in today's Courier. Aside from the allowance of bills, no other business was transacted.

ARDENCRAG DAIRY BARN IS COMPLETED

A. J. Green this week completed work on the new stock barn and dairy house for K. M. C. Neill at Arden Craig. The barn is 160x36 feet and is built for the storage of hay and the housing of ten horses and 40 dairy cattle. It is modern in every way, with cement floor and piped for water throughout, the water being supplied by gravity from a 40,000 gallon concrete reservoir located on an eminence and being filled by gasoline driven pumps. The dairy house is also strictly modern. These improvements represent an expenditure of \$4,500.

TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS ON PENN-ORE.

Improvements at the Penn-Oregon ranch are still being made. This week A. J. Green, with a force of 10 men, has commenced the construction of four bungalows, three of them 24x38 and the fourth 30x50 feet, all of them modern plastered houses, which are being constructed for the employees and their families. They will also construct a two-story building, 24x150 feet, the lower floor to be used for the storage of tools, etc., and the second floor for company offices, reading room and sleeping quarters for employees. The contract calls for an expenditure of \$5,000.

TEN DAYS IN JAIL FOR RIDING IN BOX CAR

The two representatives of the traveling gentry who were arrested by the local police force on suspicion that they had broken into the carload of apples on the sidetrack were given a hearing in Judge Holman's court Wednesday. They said that the apples that had been found upon them had been obtained at Talent and that they had ridden to Grants Pass in the box car from which they were taken here. They were charged by the S. P. detectives with having stolen a ride from the Southern Pacific road, and on their plea of guilty they were each sentenced to ten days in the county jail.

FIVE COUNTIES WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT 1915 FAIR

New York, Oct. 29.—Ex-Mayor James D. Phelan of San Francisco arrived here today from Europe on the liner Imperator, still hopeful that England and Germany will decide finally to be represented at the San Francisco 1915 exposition.

"All countries on both hemispheres will exhibit," he said, "except England, Germany, Russia and Greece. I think Germany and England entered into an unholy alliance in deciding not to exhibit on account of the sentiment of their manufacturers. Their manufacturers have since shown themselves anxious to exhibit, and I still hope both nations will yield to their demand."

Geo. Sanders left Tuesday night for Chicago on business connected with the Rogue River Public Service Corporation.

MANY CITIZENS ARE MENTIONED FOR 1914 MAYOR OF GRANTS PASS

Election Will Occur on December 1, and Nominating of Candidates Must be Filed By November 15th

Who will manage the municipal affairs of the city of Grants Pass during the year 1914 is just now the absorbing question locally. With the building of the railroad, bonds for which were voted at the special election, and the many other improvements that are contemplated during the next twelve months, those men to whom the management of the city business is intrusted will have no secure. Neither is every man who might seek such honor as comes with the public trust competent or able to properly conduct the office.

Mayor Smith Declines

Mayor Smith is completing his second term in the office, and to The Courier he announces that he is not a candidate for re-election. "I have given all the time that I feel I can give to the public business," said Mr. Smith. "It has been a great sacrifice in the way of time and direct money loss, and the inattention to my private business that proper attention to the city business has necessitated, and I feel that I have given all that one man should be asked to give. I certainly would not make the sacrifice again unless the success of the railroad affairs depended upon it. I do think, however, that the next mayor should either be a lawyer himself, or that he should select the best available lawyer for city attorney, and then follow his advice in the technical matters connected with the railroad building."

Favorite Sons "Mentioned"

With Smith practically withdrawn from the contest, one can hear many favorite sons "mentioned," though there are still many pro-Smithites who insist that "It is not wise to change horses while crossing the stream." Councilman Porter, of the third ward, seems the probable heir to the Smith mantle if the latter absolutely refuses to run again, and while in somewhat of a receptive mood, Porter is not yet an avowed candidate. E. T. McKinstry's name has been used in connection with the mayoralty for several weeks, and C. L. Hobart has many admirers who insist that he is the logical man for the job. Others whose names have been put into the hat by "their friends" are "Jack" Williams, capitalist; C. H. Demaray, druggist; Geo. Jester, city treasurer; Marshall Hooper, banker; C. D. Welter, lumberman; R. E. Kroh, president of the Commercial club; Claus Schmidt, groceryman; Frank South, hardware merchant; Dr. Ed Bywater; B. C. Dunlap, of the Oxford Hotel, and numerous other leading citizens.

May Be a Mayoress

But mere men have no monopoly in this race for the office of chief executive of the Rogue metropolis. The women not only have the right to vote but they likewise have the right to hold office, and there are among them women well qualified to shed lustre upon the position heretofore held with varying degrees of success by men, and the names of Mrs. Arthur Conklin, Mrs. C. H. Clements and Mrs. A. W. Bartlett have been seriously considered in connection with the coming election.

Five Councilmen to Elect

Five of the eight members of the city council are to be elected at the December election, there having been three resignations from the body during the past summer. The first ward will elect two councilmen, Caldwell's term expiring, while E. V. Smith was named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. H. Culbertson. In the second ward Atchison will hold over, while the term of Barnes will expire. In the third Porter is the holdover and Counts is filling the vacancy caused by Clark's resignation, while Morgan will hold in the fourth, Anderson filling the Everton vacancy. The mayoralty contest has overshadowed the elections to the council thus far, and

there has been little street talk on that feature of the election yet. The same is true of the office of treasurer.

Election on December 1

The election this year will occur on the first day of December, and nominations can be made by petition thirty days before the election and up to within fifteen days of the election. The petition must be signed by five per cent. of the voters in the ward or the district from which the candidate comes.

"Straw Ballot" for Candidates

As a test of public sentiment, The Courier today inaugurates a "straw ballot" for candidates for the various city offices. This ballot will be published six times in the Daily Courier, and the first count will be published in Sunday's edition. The last and the final count will be published in the issue of Wednesday, November 5. Any qualified elector of the city is eligible for the municipal offices, and the voter of the straw ballot should vote for his choice regardless of whether he is among those who are already nominated or not. The ballot may result in the placing in nomination of one not yet named, who will prove the real "white hope." Ballots can be either mailed to The Courier or brought to the office and deposited in the ballot box.

SOIL DOES NOT NEED LIME, SAYS MR. REIMER

During the past summer this experiment station had a number of inquiries in regard to the value of lime on our southern Oregon soils. Recently the writer found a number of growers in this county and in Josephine county applying lime to their soils. Some of them were using it as a remedy for sour sap in fruit trees, while others were using it on their alfalfa fields.

Applications of lime are of value in correcting acidity or sourness in soils, in supplying calcium to soils deficient in this element, in converting insoluble forms of potash into soluble forms, and in making compact soils more friable.

I wish to state that I have made a large number of soil examinations in all sections of the Rogue River valley, and have tested them for acidity or sourness, and for their lime content. In all of this work I have never found a single case of acid or sour soil. In most cases there was found an abundance of lime; and in a few cases actually an excess of lime.

During the past two years we have conducted field experiments on a number of farms in the valley, both on alfalfa and fruit trees, and have never yet had any beneficial results from the use of lime.

The chemist at the state experiment station at Corvallis, Oregon, has made a large number of soil analyses of soils collected from various parts of this valley, and in every instance he has found an ample supply of lime for the needs of our cultivated plants.

It is also well known that there are enormous deposits of lime in the hills and mountains surrounding the valley. The rich deposits near Gold Hill and in Josephine county have already become famous. In many of the deep cuts along the roads and railroads can be seen white streaks or layers of limestone which are rich in lime.

It should be emphatically stated that there is no connection whatever between sour sap in fruit trees and a sour soil. The writer has found bad cases of sour sap in fruit trees where there was an abundance of lime in the soil. Hence, applications of lime around trees affected with sour sap will be of no value whatever in correcting this trouble.

Heavy applications of lime might be of some value on the very heavy sticky soils in helping to make them

BOYS' CONFERENCE IN GRANTS PASS THIS WEEK

The plans for the boys' conference to be held in Grants Pass Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week are practically complete. Local committees have been at work for the past two weeks arranging for the entertainment of the delegates in the homes of the citizens of Grants Pass, the meeting places for the different conference sessions and for the banquet to be held Saturday night.

The opening session will be held in the Baptist church Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. Visiting delegates will be welcomed by Dr. E. C. Macy, of Grants Pass. Following the response to the welcome extended by Dr. Macy will be the address of the evening by H. O. Canaday, of Medford, on the subject, "The Coming Man."

Saturday morning and afternoon will be devoted to conferences on assigned topics, conducted for the most part by the boys themselves. They will present five-minute papers on these different topics, the papers to be followed by general discussion. These conferences will be held in the Presbyterian church.

Banquet Saturday Evening

At 6 p. m. Saturday evening the delegates will gather at a banquet, the place to be decided upon later. Sam Baker is to be toastmaster, and toasts will be given by several of the boys. Immediately following the banquet the delegates will adjourn to the Presbyterian church for another conference period.

On Sunday morning the delegates will meet at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian church for a half hour of singing and Bible study, when they will adjourn to attend the Sunday school and church services in their respective churches.

A mass meeting for young men and boys only will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, also in the Presbyterian church. This meeting will be open to all young men and boys in Grants Pass as well as the delegates. C. A. Phipps, of Portland, will address this meeting on the subject, "A Reasonable Service."

The pastors of the different churches have kindly consented to join in a union meeting Sunday night in honor of the boys. This meeting will be held in the Newman Methodist church at 7:30 and will be addressed by Rev. L. H. Teel, of Grants Pass, on the subject of "A Strong Man."

Sessions Open to Public

The sessions Friday and Sunday nights are open to the general public and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to everyone.

The conference periods Saturday morning, afternoon and evening will be open to all boys in Grants Pass between the ages of 14 and 20, as well as to the delegates. This is true also of the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The Grants Pass Commercial club has offered its rooms as the headquarters for the conference. It will be here that the delegates will be received and where they will register.

SUPT. ROSS MAKING TESTS AT ALMEDA

Superintendent John Ross of the Almeda mine is busy making tests to determine what type of concentrator will best serve the demands of the Almeda ore. He has a force of 20 men taking ore from different parts of the various tunnels in order to get a comprehensive test, none of the old ore being used.

Receiver Burley of the Almeda was in the city Tuesday night, coming from the mine, where he spent several days, and he says they are pumping the water out of the shaft, which has a depth of over 500 feet, and this shaft with the lower tunnels have been full of water for months past. Mr. Burley went to Portland Tuesday night.

mellow or friable. It is very probable however that the same amount of money expended in hauling stable manure onto this type of soil will serve this purpose better.

As a result of the soil examinations made and the experiments conducted up to the present time, we cannot recommend the use of lime on our soils in this valley.

F. C. REIMER, Southern Oregon Experiment Station, Talent, Oregon.

NEVADAN GETS RICH PLACER

SUCKER CREEK PROPERTY SOLD TO THOS. WILSON

PURCHASE PRICE, \$100,000

Water of Lake Creek Will Be Brought By Pipe and Two "Giants" Operated

A deal was closed Friday whereby Thomas ("Dry Wash") Wilson, one of the best known mining men of Nevada, becomes the owner of the Grand Prize placer, the rich mine discovered last February by T. M. Anderson on a dry gulch tributary to Sucker creek. The price paid for the property is understood to be \$100,000, of which a substantial payment down was made, Mr. Anderson to have a one-fourth interest in the net profits paid by the mine pending the settlement in full.

This placer is one of the most promising in the southern Oregon district and Mr. Anderson has taken some wonderfully rich dirt from it since he first found it. It is located in a dry gulch, and the gravel has been packed on burros to the creek, a distance of a mile and a half, before gold could be washed from it. Mr. Anderson says that the dirt thus packed paid at the rate of \$25 per yard. The deposit of pay dirt is 200 feet wide and 1,500 long, and has been followed fifty feet in depth. Plans are already made and the pipe is now being hauled to the ground for the bringing of water from Lake creek, about three miles, through ditches, pipes and flumes, two giants to be operated as soon as the work can be done. Some pipe is now being hauled from Pleasant creek to the property, and other will be shipped to Grants Pass and hauled out to the mine from here. This latter pipe will be of 11-inch and constructed to withstand heavy pressure, a good head being obtained from Lake creek.

The new owner of the mine is one of the most successful operators of the Nevada gold fields, and has taken fortunes from the gravel in that state.

T. M. Anderson, the discoverer of the mine, has been a highly successful "pocket hunter," his life time of prospecting having been largely given to the search for the rich pockets of the precious metal rather than for the ledges of quartz or the placers that would not pay high values. He has been operating in the Kerby district for six years, and the Grand Prize, which he called the Sucker creek find, was not his first rich strike.

Two years ago he found an immensely rich pocket on Gold Ridge, at the head of Fiddlers' gulch, from which he took more than \$20,000. A law suit grew out of the Gold Ridge find, which disclosed the truth of the richness of the pocket. Anderson was given a tip by a hunter that there was good looking ground at the head of Fiddlers' gulch, and acting on the tip the pocket was found. The tipster then brought suit to hold a share in the find, and the sheriff took possession of gold dust and nuggets valued at \$12,000, which was held in the First National bank of this city pending the settlement of the case, and the return of the gold to Anderson. Anderson has also been the discoverer of other almost fabulously rich mines in his life time, among them being the Rainbow, in the Mormon basin of the Baker district.

Mr. Wilson left here Friday night to return to Manhattan, Nevada, operations at the Grand Prize to be in charge of A. C. Stock.

SLINGSBY CASE HALTED

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The grand jury investigation of the Slingsby changeling baby case was temporarily halted today by the absence of District Attorney Fickert, who was en route to Bakersfield last night by illness of his father.